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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR BOGDAN

1. AMBASSADOR BOGDAN CALLED ON SECRETARY JUNE 27 FOR REVIEW OF RELATIONS ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR CONSULTATIONS AND LEAVE IN BUCHAREST. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS MADE ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL MATTERS.

2. SECRETARY SAID WE WERE PLEASED THAT RELATIONS CONTINUE TO BE VERY GOOD. WE HOPE TO START DISCUSSIONS SOON LOOKING TO A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT AND ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROGRESS ON THE TRADE BILL.

3. WE APPRECIATE THE FAVORABLE DECISIONS THE GOR HAS MADE TO PERMIT DEPARTURES OF A NUMBER OF DUAL NATIONALS AND MEMBERS OF DIVIDED FAMILIES. SECRETARY MADE CLEAR
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WE HOPE FOR FURTHER FAVORABLE DECISIONS.

4- WE HAVE SOUGHT TO ENCOURAGE US BUSINESS INTERESTS IN TRADE AND JOINT VENTURES IN ROMANIA, AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT SPEECHES OF DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH AND UNDER SECRETARY CASEY. WE WELCOME THE RECENT CONCLUSION OF A JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT WITH CONTROL DATA.

5. BOGDAN SAID ROMANIA HOPES FOR MORE JOINT VENTURES, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELDS OF PETROLEUM AND COPPER MINING. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT OF INCREASED US- ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

6. THE GOR HAS FOUND OUR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS VERY HELPFUL AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THEIR CONTINUATION. SECRETARY AGREED.

7. ROMANIA " LOOKS WITH UNDERSTANDING" AT POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT MAY AFFECT THE FUTURE OF THE TRADE BILL.

8. ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND CSCE, ROMANIA ANTICIPATES THAT GOOD DOCUMENTS WILL EMERGE FROM CSCE AND WILL CONTRIBUTE FAVORABLY TO A EUROPE " UNITED IN DIVERSITY."

9. THE ONLY OTHER MULTILATERAL ISSUE RAISED BY BOGDAN WAS THE MIDDLE EAST OUTLOOK. THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS STRESSED THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF PERSUADING THE EGYPTIANS TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS. A SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE IMPOSED FROM OUTSIDE. BOGDAN SAID THE GOR AGREED WITH THE US POSITION AS OUTLINED BY THE SECRETARY. ROGERS

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